

ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 @ 7.00pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

Members and Officers present: Cllr Rowley(Chair), Cllr Hague, Cllr Cope, Cllr McIntyre

In attendance: Clerk, Cllr Darby & 1 member of the public

Apologies: CC Hardman, Cllr Smith & Cllr Wood

1. Declarations of Interest:

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

2. Minutes from November 17 meeting were approved as true and accurate

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire. *1 member of the public, attached note.*

3. District Councillors report

No news of improvement on the A46

The period since the last meeting in November has been fairly uneventful because of the Christmas holidays, although the weather did cause some disruption with refuse collection.

Wychavon still has to fix the council tax for next year, but it has used an assumption of a 2% increase when preparing its budget proposals for 2018/19. The final decision will be made at a budget meeting in February, but at the moment its Grow Save Charge programme is on course to make a further saving next year.

On the planning front various Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) are in various stages of approval. It will be remembered that when the SWDP replaced the old Wychavon Local Plan, all the SPDs associated with that plan came to an end and new ones have had to be prepared. From a village point of view I consider the Design Guide SPD to be the most important. This was approved by the planning committee on 14 Dec and recommended to the Executive Board for tomorrow's meeting. At my suggestion a clause was inserted to pay attention to long distance views of the roofs of major buildings, in particular when seen from the AONB, and to ensure their colouring was appropriate.

Two other SPDs are still at the Draft Stage and were approved for public consultation. These deal with Developer Contributions and Renewable and Low Carbon Energy.

There are currently no planning applications in Ashton that I am aware of, but there is the ongoing situation of Willow Cottage. I have been in touch with the Enforcement Officer today to get the latest news. He has replied as follows

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Firstly, I have managed to contact Mr Gilder and he has suggested works will commence in March. I have also requested an exact date as to when works will commence, but I have not received anything back, however I am currently pursuing that matter.

As you are aware, the above site is in of some dis-repair and in need of works. If I address the main issue from the Parish which was safety concerns, I have asked Building Control and it has been suggested that no serious structural issues that would cause a danger are present at Willow Cottage and it is structurally 'sound'.

I have asked a Legal point of view regarding the S215, the idea was to ensure Mr Gilder a fair chance to comply with the time frame of March which Mr Gilder has indicated. Once March comes, if the works have failed to commence, we can then look to commence enforcement action.

To summarise, I am waiting on an exact date in March, failure to do so, a S215 Notice will potentially be enforced within March.

4. **Progress reports:** for information / discussion and comments if necessary

- a. Social Centre, on going
- b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group, no report
- c. PACT , quite a few residents interested in Smart Water.
- d. Lengthsman, New Lengthsman employed, happy to catch up on all outstanding work before year end
- e. Vehicle Activated Sign, get spare battery from previous Lengthsman ACTION ME
- f. Flooding, blocked drain in Cottons Lane, report to Lengthsman ACTION SS
Water outside the chapel and the Groaten, SH to report to Cllr Hardman ACTION SH
- g. Highway, Grit bins to be checked ACTION SH
Look into purchasing a grit bin for Bakers Lane
Residents are using grit for own personal use, agreed to put notice on Facebook that grit bins are for highways and footpaths only. ACTION SH
Busses have gone over the verges on Beckford Road, need photographic evidence to send to bus company
- h. Training
- i. Trees in the Parish, once weather dries up trees will be planted.
- j. Communications, Jayne Barker helping with the website

5. **Planning application notifications**

5.1 Willow cottage

AD sent copy of email from enforcement officer, Wychavon have powers under section 215

6. Finance – bank statements are finally coming to new address

- a. Agreed to set the precept at £18,000.00
- b. To agree bank balances
Current Account balance as at 21st December 2017 - £17,295.76
Savings Account balance as at 21st December 2017 - £ 3,318.57

c. To agree payments

M English	Wages & Expenses	£ 530.90
CALC	Training	£ 90.00

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M Cole	Lengthsman	£ 210.40
HMRC	PAYE	£ 60.00

d. New Homes Bonus update, defer to March

7. **Correspondence for Information:** To note the attached appendix of items which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. (OR a list of items will be available at the meeting.)
8. **Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.**
9. **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.
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11. Date of next meeting: 13th March 2018 at 7pm. The meeting closed at 7.35pm

.....(chair)

.....(date)

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PUBLIC MEETING

David Haynes - Cornfield way

- Issue with busses driving too fast in the village. Chair advised that residents should write to the coach companies.
- Bus 540 no longer goes down Cornfield way , causing congestion on Elmley Road. Agreed that the PC will write to bus company.

ACTION ME